



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

- **Roll Call by Clerk Green:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt. Members Absent: Robert Warmbein
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present due to Coronavirus pandemic. Report indicated the following incidents during the period of 2/01-02/28/2021: 15 complaints, 0 tickets issued; 0 arrests.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Sommers requested to amend the Agenda, adding memo from BC Board of Commissioners, letter from Kim Krestan, ANR Pipeline. Motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to add the requested items to the Agenda, and accept as amended. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** Metz had concerns about proposed sewer raises, which will be brought up later in the meeting, and is not being considered at this time. Will revisit in next April 2022-23 budget year.
- **Accounts Payables/Receivable:** Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to approve the Accounts Payable Report as presented to the Board Members in the following amounts: General Fund \$9,204.75, Fire Dept. \$4,196.64; Ambulance \$2,416.34, Sewer \$116.20, for a Grand Total of \$15,933.93. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Tackitt, Green), motion carried. In addition, new added revenues appropriated to applicable accounts: Phase 1 Sewer and Water customer paid off assessments in the amount of \$7,700.00.
- **Fire Dept:** 6 Calls – 3 grass fires, 1 illegal burn, 1 utility call, 1 stand-by (mutual aid-Buchanan Twp); Meetings: 2 truck checks; Training: PPE Presentation. Other: Fire Chief Nitz explained that per vendor, prices will be increasing 3-4%, and he wants to get the following items approved Prior to their increase: Scene Lights (2) \$1,180; Structure fire gloves (4) \$347.80; Firefighter hoods (6) \$269.70; FF boots (5) \$1,500; FF gear (2) \$4,973.90; Fire Helmets (2) \$541.90 for a total of \$8,813.30. Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to approve purchase the aforementioned items in the amount of \$8,813.30 prior to price increases. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, King, Green), motion carried.
- Enforcement Officer Robert Krauss arrived during the Fire Dept. agenda item at 7:15 p.m.
- **Enforcement Officer Robert Krauss** stated that Sommers, Green, Attorney Senica, Sheriff Paul Bailey and Krauss had met on Monday for an explanation of Sheriff Bailey's offer to help out the Township with an officer to work with Enforcement Officer Krauss as needed. Sheriff Bailey is offering to help the township in criminal actions. Krauss indicated his activity of the past months. On 10/08/2020 citations were issued, and the court has not moved on those tickets, as civil infractions are not at the top of their priority list. Atty. Senica would like Krauss to move forward with writing tickets in order to get them in the system. He spoke concerning several properties on which he is working. During the meeting with Sheriff Bailey, he offered help to Krauss in delivering tickets to properties of apropos offending residents.

- **Adopt Ordinance No. 23 (2021) An Ordinance to Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code by Reference, in addition to the “International Property Maintenance Code of 2018” (IPMC):** Motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to adopt these two documents as presented and recommended by both Attorney Senica and Enforcement Officer Robert Krauss. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, King, Green, Sommers), motion carried (Warmbein absent). Green will publish a synopsis of the IPMC as required. Atty. Senica to provide said synopsis.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 17, 2021, and the Special Board Meetings Minutes of 03/23/2021, 03/31/2021, 04/06/2021, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Regarding the Wesley Lane hardship issue, we need to talk with Mr. Lane. Robert Krauss will work with this issue. Kim Krestan barking dog. Little can be done about this problem.

Other Township Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: Tackitt provided the bank balances as reported on the bank statements. The Summer Tax season begins as of July 1. Inserts to be in the tax bills must be in by the beginning of June.

Building Zoning Administrator: Report provided.

Planning Commission: Unapproved minutes provided erroneously. Green will put the correct approved minutes in the board members boxes.

Cemetery Committee: Still cleaning up limbs from storm. Sommers and a Fire Dept. person will be removing old cemetery flowers and wreathes from the New Troy cemetery.

B.C. Road Dept. Sommers reported that an Abonmarche engineer, Mr. Cook, is new managing director for 90 days.

Website: Mike Metz reported that he will come into the township hall and update the WIX website which requires payment. Green will provide township credit card information for this.

Parks Committee: Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., as Jack Dodds will be in town on that date, and he is on that committee working remotely.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Attorney Sara Senica Update:** See Zoning Enforcement item.
- **Employment Application:** Insurance company to provide information.
- **Sewer Increase:** No increase at this time. To be reviewed April 2022.
- **Tabled Issues:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to remove the following tabled items from the Agenda: Letter to Chad Sperry re delinquent sewer and Part-Time police officer. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** Metz stated that when he spoke with Attorney Senica via phone earlier during the meeting, she said it is not required to have a Public Hearing for the IPMC ordinance adoption, as it is a General Law Ordinance.

Adjournment: Motion by Green, supported by King, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk